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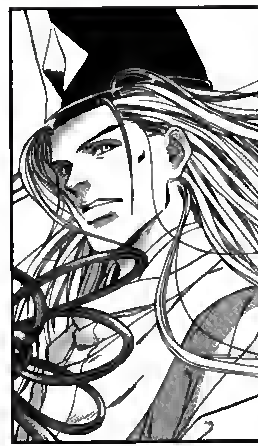
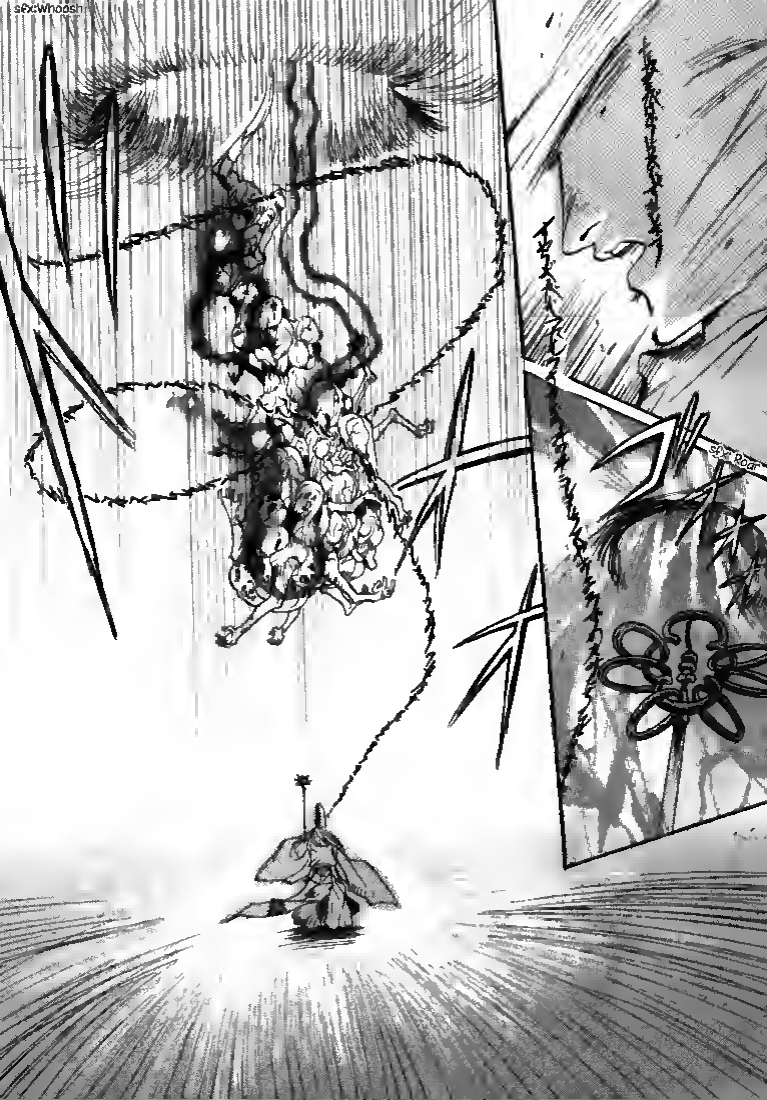
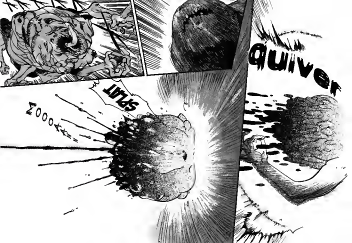


sex rolling

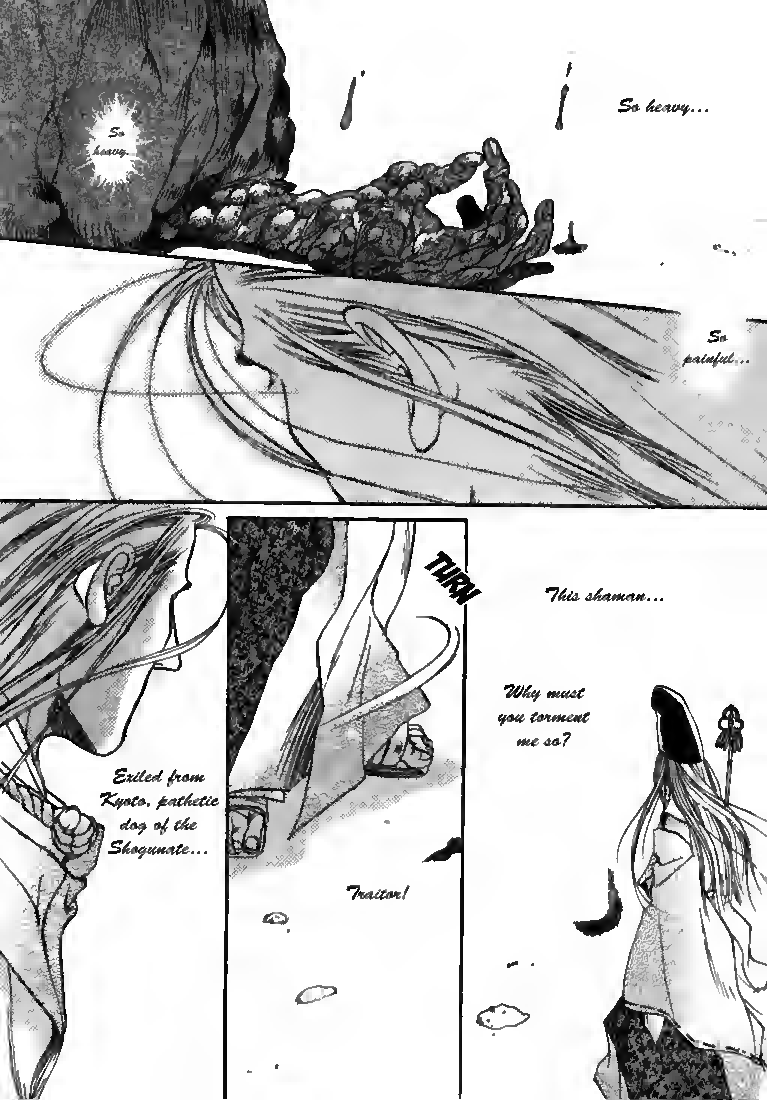
ブロロロ
I...
I...
Burdened with all this filth in this world,
Guided by the scent of your blood, enduring through so much just to get here!

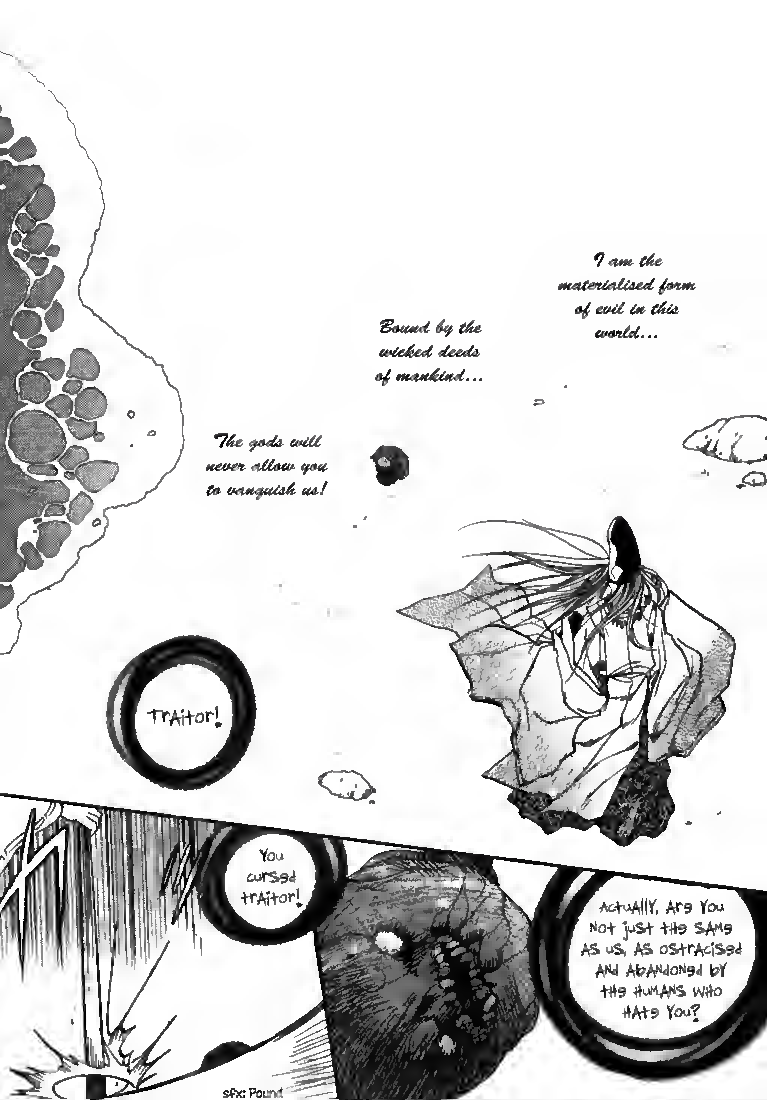
THRUST!
Almost there! I...
sfx:Whoosh


sex:whoosh
Boar


MOOOAAA
SPLAT
quiver

WHISPER
WHISPER


So heavy...
So heavy...
So painful...
THUD
Exiled from Kyoto, pathetic dog of the Shogunate...
Traitor!
This shaman...
Why must you torment me so?


I am the materialised form of evil in this world...
Bound by the wicked deeds of mankind...
The gods will never allow you to vanquish us!
traitor!
You cursed traitor!
Actually, are you not just the same as us, as ostracised and abandoned by the humans who hate you?
sfx: Pound

THUMP
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANOTHER WORD!
PIOR
GURGLE

WHY AM I HERE...?
WHERE IS THIS PLACE...?
Have you heard?

I heard that on Rouge Mountain in Kamakura, there lives a strange shaman.

He performs unorthodox rituals in order to vanquish spirits and ghosts...
It is rumoured that he left Kyoto, and is travelling around as a lowly shaman!
Every night he gathers his followers to his mansion and
no human nor ghost is able to approach him.
That is frightening! We better be wary!
It is scary! You must stay alert!

HEY! ARE YOU SPEAKING .. THE TRUTH!?
YOU MUST KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS THEN, RIGHT?
It is rumoured that his left eye glows red.
!?
How did a human intrude into our gathering?
A human!
A human!

!!
WAIT A MOMENT!
SFX: Whoosh
WHOOSH
He heard!
He heard our conversation!
!
WOOOH
I JUST WANT TO FIND OUT WHERE HE...
THUD
OH! YOU'RE AWAKE HEII?
HMM?
...AH...

YOU APPEAR LIKE YOU WOKE UP IN SHOCK, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M ON GUARD DUTY TONIGHT, SO I TOOK A LITTLE NAP.
AH... YEAH. OH YES!
HAD A BAD NIGHTMARE?
NO THANKS, I'M ALL RIGHT!
IF SO, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MOVE TO MY PLACE?
See it's just you alone.
IT MUST BE WEARINESS DUE TO BEING AWAY FROM HOME, AND LIVING IN A FOREIGN ENVIRONMENT!
NO...
That summer, I lost my beloved wife Shiragiku.
THANK YOU!
OKAY... YOU'RE WELCOME ANY TIME, IF YOU DECIDE TO CHANGE YOUR MIND!

Shiragiku and I were not separated by death, nor were we parted due to hate.
Thus, if I return to that home, which overflows with my memories of her, it would be too much for me to bear.
From that moment on, I spent the majority of my time residing in the staff quarters of my master, Togawa.
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO BE REUNITED IN THE MORTAL WORLD...
AND HERE IS MY CLUELESS, UNSUSPECTING FRIEND, TOMOHISA, WHO IS EVEN TRYING TO COMFORT ME BY SAYING THAT SHIRAGIKU WILL RETURN HOME SOME DAY!
IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR THE PATROL! ASSEMBLE IN THE COURT-YARD!

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY STRANGE HAPPENINGS LATELY; MANY EVILDOERS WILL SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMIT ATROCITIES.
TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE IN KAMAKURA, WE HAVE TO BE FULLY ALERT AND ATTENTIVE DURING OUR PATROLS!
SPLIT UP INTO PAIRS AND PATROL THE SURROUNDING AREA NOW!
YES!
Flutter...
FLOP FLOP
FLOP FLOP

DANCERS!
COMMOTION
DONG...
DONG...
DONG DONG DONG...
FLOD FLOD
WHOOSH
IT'S HEADING TOWARDS MASTER KAJIWARA'S RESIDENCE!
THOSE THREE ARE...
I'M SO ENVIOUS...

Kajiwara residence
Living in this fantasy world,
Mindlessly accumulating materirl possessions,
Gradually becoming estranged from God....

THAT WAS A SPLENDID PERFORMANCE!
IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICE, INVITING DANCERS INTO THE RESIDENCE IS PROHIBITED, MASTER TANOASA.
EVEN THOUGH, YOU SIR, ARE THE MOST INFLUENTIAL WARRIOR IN THE COUNTRY,
AND YOU WILL BE THE NEW RULER OF KAMAKURA.
TO START OFF WITH, YOU NEED TO EXERCISE THE WARRIORS' CODE OF HONOUR. I TRUST YOU WILL KEEP YOUR WORD.
I WILL!
ACTUALLY SIR, I DID NOT HIRE THESE DANCERS PURELY FOR ENTERTAINMENT REASONS.
THEY ARE ACTUALLY THE FOLLOWERS OF THAT SHAMAN FROM KYOTO,
THAT DANCER IN THE MIDDLE, MIZUYOU, IS ESPECIALLY SKILLED AT SUMMONING SPIRITS AND FORTUNE TELLING.

WE WOULD LIKE TO... FORETELL YOUR BRILLIANT FUTURE.
clank!

We sincerely pay our respects to Inari*
In front of this deity shrine, we humbly summon,
Amatsu** kami, Kunitsu*** kami, and eight million
pray for a divination.
This request is made by Ohara Tanoasa, a troubled and distressed mortal.
Due to a limited knowledge, he needs guidance from the gods in order to find peace within.
STOMP!

HOOOOO
TH!
YUIGA BEACH CERTAINLY FEELS SPOOKY AT NIGHT!
HOOOOO
HOOO
HOOO
.....
IF I HAD A CHOICE, I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE THIS AREA IMMEDIATELY!

THOSE DANCERS.. THEY SHOULD BE THE COMPANIONS OF THAT SHAMAN!
IF I GO TO KAJIWARA RESIDENCE, MAYBE..
TELL HIM THAT I DESPERATELY MISS SHIRAGIKU, AND WISH TO SEE HER ONCE MORE?
...EVEN IF I REALLY DO MEET HIM, WHAT SHOULD I SAY?
...HEY! MASTER
THAT'S ENOUGH! I NEED TO WAKE UP TO REALITY..
NOTHING..
WHAT'S WRONG, HEI!? YOU HAVEN'T SAID A SINGLE THING SINCE WE SET OFF...

SHOCK!
WILL YOU PLEASE HEAR A HUMBLE PLEA FROM THIS BEGGAR?
WOBBLE
HEY .. HEII! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?
WHAT'S WRONG? DO YOU NEED MONEY OR FOOD?
SINCE THE WEATHER'S SO COLD I GUESS IT'S BETTER TO HAVE A COAT?
THANK GOODNESS IT'S HUMAN. WHEW...
NO, I'M NOT BEGGING FOR ANYTHING!
THEN...
HEY! I'M GOING TO LEAVE FIRST!
WAIT..
CAN YOU PLEASE TAKE ME TO TSURUOKA HACHIMANGU*?
PLOP PLOP
*Shrine of the God of War

...THEN I HEARD ABOUT THE TSURUOKA HACHIMANGU SHRINE WHERE ALL WARRIORS GO TO PRAY.
AND I THOUGHT, AS A WARRIOR, I MUST VISIT THE SHRINE AT LEAST ONCE BEFORE I DIE. IT HAD TAKEN ME MANY YEARS, BUT I FINALLY ARRIVED AT THIS PLACE
ACTUALLY, MY REAL IDENTITY IS THAT OF A WARRIOR.
BUT NOW, MY BODY IS WEAK, AND I AM PLAGUED WITH ILLNESS.
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER THIS BODY CAN LAST.
I BESEECH YOU TO HELP ME! IN RETURN I WILL GIVE YOU THIS DAGGER THAT MASTER TANOASA BESTOWED UPON ME.
PLEASE LIFT YOUR HEAD UP!
HOWEVER, JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO REACH THE SHRINE, MY LEGS GAVE WAY, AND I LACK THE ENERGY TO WALK ANY FURTHER!
WHAT A WASTE..

FROM THE LOOKS OF THIS DAGGER, I CAN TELL THAT YOU MUST HAVE BEEN A VERY IMPRESSIVE WARRIOR.
BEING SO CLOSE TO FULFILLING YOUR DREAM, YET UNABLE TO DO SO, I UNDERSTAND YOUR ANGUISH!
I DON'T NEED ANY GIFTS IN EXCHANGE!
COME! LET ME CARRY YOU THERE!
OH... I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL!
BEFORE THAT, I HAVE TO ASK ANOTHER FAVOR OF YOU
WHAT IS IT?
COULD YOU PLEASE REMOVE THIS BLACK STONE THAT IS EMBEDDED IN MY STOMACH...
LIFT IT UP AND THROW IT AWAY?
NOT A PROBLEM... BUT WHY?
...BECAUSE SOMEONE TRIED TO HARM ME, AND LEFT ME TO SUFFER, IN ORDER TO SAVE HIMSELF.

I'LL JUST...
JUST GIVE ME A MOMENT! IT'S EASY TO REMOVE A STONE LIKE THIS!
IN ORDER TO GAIN FAME AND FORTUNE HE MADE USE OF ME AND THEN CAST AN EVIL CURSE ON ME PROHIBITING ME FROM MOVING AROUND FREELY.
!!
SO THIS STONE IS THE CURSE?
HOW CRUEL!
HMM!?
ARGH
ARGH!!
ARGHHH!
HMM... THIS IS WEIRD?
IT HASN'T MOVED AN INCH?

RIGHT! THIS IS A CURSE!!
DARN IT! NO MATTER WHAT, I WILL LIFT YOU UP!
GRUNT
WOAH!
SLIDE
spic tiff
DARN IT...
ARGH...
Shake

CLIVER
WAAAH!
HAHA! I AM SO GLAD!
UH...
THUD

!?
THEN...
sFx:Stagger
AS HEAVY AS THAT STONE!
SO HEAVY...
COME! CLIMB UNTO MY BACK!
JUST A SMALL FAVOUR, DON'T MENTION IT!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH! I AM VERY GRATEFUL! I AM FOREVER INDEBTED TO YOU...
I HAVE TO KEEP MY WORD!
Swoosh
IS IT BECAUSE OF THE CURSE?
NO... I'M OKAY...
WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU VERY TIRED?

MASTER HOUGEN. THE SPELL...!!
YES, I'VE NOTICED THAT.
HURRY! JIROGAN!
SISTER!?
WHAT'S WRONG!?
Tanoasa..
STIR

A MAN'S VOICE!?
Hundreds of ghosts are wandering this city at night!
.....Tanosaa! You'd best be careful!
If you aren't careful, you will be exterminated!
An evil being will cause a catastrophic disaster ..
HE MUST HAVE ENDURED QUITE A BIT OF HARDSHIP PRIOR TO THIS!
COME TO THINK OF IT HIS SKIN DISEASE IS REALLY NASTY!
WE'RE FINALLY AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE SHRINE ..
THUD

...DUE TO A MISTAKE I MADE, I LOST MY WIFE.
WHAT HAP-PENED?
IT WAS AN UNFORGIVABLE MISTAKE...
IN THE ENSUING SERIES OF EVENTS,
NO! IT WAS AN UNAVOIDABLE SITUATION!
WE HAD NO CHOICE, BUT TO KILL EACH OTHER!
A CERTAIN SHAMAN ALTERED MY FATE WITH HIS POWERS,
AND THIS ENDED THE CONFLICT BETWEEN MY WIFE AND ME.
I WONDER IF IT'S JUST MY IMAGINATION. BUT HE SEEMS TO BE GETTING LIGHTER WITH EVERY STEP THAT I TAKE.
BUT I GUESS THIS MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO CARRY HIM FURTHER.
DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU UNDERSTOOD HOW IT FELT TO BE UNABLE TO FULFILL A DREAM?
ACTUALLY, I'VE ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD.
BUT WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MY NEVER-ENDING MEMORIES OF HER?
NOW, I FEEL SORRY FOR HER DEMISE,

I CAN NEVER CHANNEL THESE THOUGHTS AWAY
BECAUSE I HAD SEEN HOW MY FATE HAD BEEN ALTERED.
"BUT THERE MIGHT STILL BE A CHANCE"
...THUS, SUB-CONSCIOUSLY I AM STILL SEARCHING FOR THAT SHAMAN
I KNOW IT IS SILLY OF ME TO DO THIS...
...DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
YOU SKIN SEEMS TO BE GRADUALLY HEALING?
THAT'S RIGHT! UNDERNEATH THE DECAYING SKIN, I CAN SEE REDDISH SKIN..!

AH!
THE POWERS OF THE GODS ARE REMARK-ABLE...
THIS IS GREAT! IT WAS A GOOD THING TO TRAVEL ALL THE WAY HERE!
OOH .. MIGHT THIS BE DUE TO THE KINDNESS OF THE GOD HACHIMAN!?
I AM GRATEFUL...
HE IS REALLY GROWING LIGHTER!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S HURRY ALONG!
I'M COUNT-ING ON YOU.
LEAVE IT TO ME!

*Wooden archways found in Shinto shrines
OH NO!
THE EVIL PEOPLE ARE HEADING IN OUR DIRECTION!
PLEASE HURRY UP!
JUST A LITTLE MORE...
THAT IS THE THIRD TORII* AFTER WE CROSS THAT, WE'LL BE IN THE SHRINE COURTYARD.
PANT PANT
!!
YES... I WILL!
sfx: Whoosh

THAT GUY ON YOUR BACK!
HAND HIM OVER TO ME RIGHT NOW!
IT'S YOU!
AAH!
CLASH
I'M GOING TO MAKE MY MOVE IF YOU HESITATE!
Lear

KEEP YOUR SWORD, JIROGAN.
WE DON'T WANT TO CREATE A COMMOTION!
ANYWAY.
TAKE A LOOK AT HIM, AND YOU WILL REALIZE THAT WE ARE ALREADY TOO LATE
YOU WOULDN'T BE THE ONE WHO CAN SEE THIS EVIL CREATURE BEING, MATERIALISED FROM YIN ENERGY?

I SEE! YOUR FATE AND MINE ARE INTERTWINED, SHAMAN MASTER!
!?
HA HA HA!
MATERI-ALISED FROM YIN ENERGY?
ISN'T THIS AMUSING?
sfx: stretch x4
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S TOO LATE NOW!
!!

sfx: stretch
sfx: stretch

WHOOSH
LEAP
WOAH!
sfx: wind howling
TH
D

THE EVIL THAT I HAVE BEEN CARRYIN WITH ME [illegible] NOW BE RELEASED ALL OVER KAMAKURA!
!

It's been a while! Tancasa!
Heh heh heh heh...
WHO'S THAT?!
Shock!
Have you forgotten...
Both of you are here. To have time to flirt with dancers, you must be leading pretty good lives!
Bastards who have murdered me...

YOU... YOU CAN'T BE..
I want to torture the both of them, and then kill them.
But before that,
You make me carry the heavy Lotus Seed of your second-generation predecessors.
I really have to thank you for that, Kiichi Hougen!
I APPREHENDED YOU BEFORE THE DESTINED TIME—
I GUESS IT'S MY OWN FAULT!

MASTER HOUGEN CAST A SPELL ON IT, TRAPPED IT ON AN ISOLATED BEACH, AND MADE IT INVISIBLE TO THE HUMAN EYE. THEN YOU DISCOVERED IT AND SET IT FREE.
WHAT... WHAT IS GOING ON!?
THAT IS THE EVIL SPIRIT THAT WANTS TO DESTROY KAMAKURA!
PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE YOU NOW POSSESS THE YIN-YANG EYE TO SEE SPIRITS!
IT MAY BE THAT YOU HAD BEEN A SNAKE IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE, FROM THE YIN WORLD.

HUMANS ARE SUCH STUPID CREATURES!
WHAT...

a very beautiful demon! Ulyne is in peril!

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